

Despite all of the bluster about innovation, this attack on Net Neutrality proves that shackling the future to a dying ideology is Chairman Pai's true goal. Technology is providing humanity with real tools to enact and embrace advancing levels of equality and that, more than even the internet itself, is what is at stake here.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2017/05/the-antidote-to-authoritarianism/525438/>

However, the most hypocritical aspect of this assault on Net Neutrality is that Chairman Pai claims to be against government control and interference yet he is unilaterally deciding his beliefs are decidedly more correct than the majority of Americans. Net Neutrality, as in Title II, is wildly popular and is working great.

<https://blog.mozilla.org/blog/2017/06/06/new-mozilla-poll-americans-political-parties-overwhelmingly-support-net-neutrality/>

<https://consumerist.com/2016/02/09/did-net-neutrality-kill-broadband-investment-like-comcast-att-verizon-said-it-would/>

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2017/06/broadband-speeds-have-soared-under-net-neutrality-rules-cable-lobby-says/>

Chairman Pai's ideological crusade is blinding him to the reality of the situation, which is Net Neutrality is providing basic law and order and is in no way suffocating the development and deployment of new technologies. Net Neutrality as is provides basic, or light touch, legal boundaries for the benefit of consumers which is exactly what government laws should do. Laws in general aren't designed for what has happened, they broadly are designed to prevent or limit unacceptable behavior in the future. The past of course guides the creation of many laws, but the abuse prevented or discouraged by Net Neutrality is not hypothetical, as Chairman Pai has both implied and implicitly stated numerous times, considering the bad behavior exhibited even when it has existed.

<https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20160105/08100533246/with-fixed-costs-fat-margins-comcasts-broadband-cap-justifications-are-total-bullshit.shtml>

<https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20170202/13501236617/comcasts-decision-to-charge-roku-users-bogus-fee-highlights-uncanny-ability-to-shoot-innovation-foot.shtml>

<https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20170606/05202837522/frontier-fires-state-senate-leader-who-also-worked-frontier-supporting-attempts-to-improve-broadband-competition.shtml>

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2017/06/att-uses-forced-arbitration-to-overcharge-customers-senators-say/>

<https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20170524/06081237442/despite-claiming-now-par-with-apple-comcasts-already-bad-satisfaction-ratings-are-actually-getting-worse.shtml>

Numerous claims have been made relating to expanding access and increasing speeds across America and in particular in rural areas with some deceitfully blaming Net Neutrality for a lack of equality, however, a simple fact will always remain true, you don't fix inequality with more inequality.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/news/2017/05/05/did-net-neutrality-keep-broadband-out-low-income-neighborhoods/100979808/>

Pro-Inequality ideology likes to believe that incentive is lost if people work together as equals or compete on a level playing field and that inequality is needed for boundaries to be challenged. However, the internet is an excellent example of how wrong that mindset can be, if the internet isn't as fast as you think it should be, make all of it faster instead of just a portion of it for the privileged. Punishing fellow Americans for not being as fortunate and/or as selfish as some stifles competition rather than promoting it. It also seems to me to be more practical and more efficient to improve one type of connection instead of diverging resources to repair and potentially upgrade multiple internet "lanes." I do however agree with Chairman Pai in one regard, the elimination of Net Neutrality won't necessarily create fast-lanes, but it will certainly create slow-lanes. Chairman Pai's Pro-Inequality agenda will eventually create the Internet equivalent of dirt roads that ISPs will have less incentive to maintain let alone upgrade and even this isn't entirely hypothetical considering how at least one ISP treats its copper lines while basically pretending those paying customers do not exist.

<https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20170614/10225537588/verizon-gets-wrist-slap-years-neglecting-broadband-networks-new-jersey-pennsylvania.shtml>

I can't help but think of this whole Chairman Pai versus Net Neutrality showdown as being much like an old western movie with Chairman Pai being the new sheriff in town going around telling everyone to relax, I'm a friend of chaos and chaos is a trustworthy friend, especially to those that have and continue to exhibit bad behavior, i.e. the bad guys; which somehow will be magically beneficial to all. Government is not inherently a villain and people that believe that to be true shouldn't be controlling aspects of it to try to make sure that belief is true. Chairman Pai's obsession of trying to retrofit stale ideology into modern technologies fertile to evolving and yes innovative systems ultimately makes this whole unnecessary conflict about him and his beliefs and not about the present and future interests of American consumers. Effectively this whole Net Neutrality war as it is currently being waged is Chairman Pai versus the will of the American people.